

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The claims have been amended responsive to the Section 112, second paragraph rejection and as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

The claims have been amended to remove the element reference numbers.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 7-8 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

New claim 21 is a combination of allowable claim 7, intermediate claims 2 and 6, and base claim 1. Allowance of claim 21 is solicited.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitations of allowable claim 7 with intermediate claim 2 (excluding claim 6).

This combination of features is believed both novel and non-obvious over the prior art as the cited references neither teach nor suggest this combination.

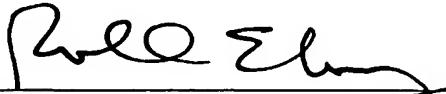
Allowance of claim 1 and the dependent claims is therefore solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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